

Village of Leicester

July 21, 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Briffa called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Barry Briffa

Trustees: Don Jacobs, Ken Rizzo, Tom Frantz, Dan Christiano

Clerk-Treasurer: Deborah Beardsley

Deputy Clerk: Samantha Bodratti

Highway Superintendent:

Water Operator:

Zoning/Code Enforcement:

Residents and Guests: Brad Zambito, James Kane, Karen Roffe

EXCUSED:

Mayor Briffa expressed condolences to Trustee Jacobs and his family for the loss of his mother, Angie Jacobs.

Mayor Briffa also extended thoughts and well wishes to Superintendent Page's wife, Laura for her recovery. Board discussion around what the Village can do to help the Page family during this time.

MINUTES: The corrected minutes of the June 16, 2025 Board Meeting were accepted on a motion by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Rizzo. [Motion Carried 4-0]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire District:

Highway Department Report:

Water Report:

- Mayor Briffa introduced Brad Zambito who is looking to purchase land on the west side of the water tank contingent upon obtaining permission to get water from the Village. He has discussed the situation with Chris Young, Village Water employee. It was explained Mr. Zambito would need to submit an application for approval to get water to the property with the understanding that all costs are his responsibility. The Village is working to finalize the application paperwork for Mr. Zambito to complete.

Motion by Trustee Christiano to approve a new water connection for the property located to the west of the Village Water Tower for Mr. Zambito, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs. [Motion Carried: 4-0]

- Discussed LCWSA proposed water line from Geneseo to Leicester. Project is being reexamined and rather than coming down Dewy Hill, it would come down Jones Bridge from Route 63 and across and would be at least 3 years before it was finalized.

- Water Rules – Tabled

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Zoning Report: Code Enforcement Officer is aware of the construction at 233 Main Street without a permit and is handling the situation at 48 Pleasant Street with the understanding the camper can only be there for summer.

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Contracts – Seneca Foods and Livingston County Water & Sewer Authority – Current contracts were provided to Board members for review and suggestions for new contracts. Contracts to be addressed in Executive Session at August's Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

20% Increase in Village Taxes for 2026-2027 – Information distributed to Board members on the Tax Cap Override process which requires a law be passed which would potentially bring Village taxes back to the level in 2024-2025 (\$37,000 tax levy). The increase result would be approximately \$8000.00 and would help protect the future of the Village and village provided services. Also discussed possibility of increasing taxes to what they were in 2013 (\$60,007 tax levy) prior to previous administrations cutting taxes 40% which has led to the current financial stress.

Local Law for Manufactured Homes and Recreational Vehicles – Board members were given 3 possible options for consideration to review for the August Board meeting.

MAYORS REPORT:

Volunteer Emergency Vehicles Liability – Extension of insurance policy for 90 days. Can be extended further if desired.

Town Audit – Town has its own issues to work on as a result of their Audit. Discussed the monies being collected for the previous water issue.

Trustee Christiano Meeting with Louise Wadsworth – Discussed Main Street Grant program, lobbying the Village for participation. Village size is not comparable with other villages in the county, and all pay the same cost. Discussed community involvement events rather than for building projects and banners etc. "Make a village behave like a village" and get the community involved and bring people together. Village of Leicester would be interested in participating in those types of activities.

CLERKS REPORT:

Corrective Action Plan for OSC – Clerk-Treasurer Beardsley provided CAP template for Board to provide input for response to State Comptroller's office and shared the recommendations outlined by the State Comptroller's office during the Audit. (Audit is available on the Village website.)

CD – Canandaigua National Bank CD needs to be renewed. Board agrees to renew at 4.19% for a new 90-day period.

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AFR (Annual Financial Report) – Completed, certified and submitted to NYS. Available on the Village website.

Food Pantry Group Network – Deputy Clerk Bodratti had contact with Mr. Duel who reached out for a representative to attend a meeting on September 30, 2025 at 7 pm at the York Town Hall. He is looking to form a group to address the food resource cuts at the federal level. Deputy Clerk Bodratti will attend as a representative from the Village.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

AUDIT OF BILLS:

Trustee Rizzo motioned, 2nd by Trustee Christiano to accept the bills as audited. [Motion Carried 4-0]

General Fund Vouchers 3355 - 3376 \$17,458.87 Water Fund Vouchers 1260 - 1268 \$33,754.09

NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:

Board of Trustees Meeting, August 18, 2025, at 6:30 pm at Village Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Jacobs motioned, 2nd by Trustee Frantz to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm. [Motion Carried 4-0]

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Beardsley
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Leicester